

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: (a) The question is hypothetical. It is likely that unrestricted import of copra at low prices would adversely affect the price of cocoanut produce in the State.

(b) The question will be taken up if occasion arises.

(c) The Government of India are aware of the repercussions that may ensue in this country, as a result of indiscriminate import of copra into India. Even at present imports are restricted, and there is at the moment a shortage of copra in the country on account of the fact that it has been found not possible to import even the limited quantities which are permitted,

Securities held by Travancore.

* 431. MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of securities held by Travancore on 1-6-24;

(b) the amount raised on these securities as it stands on 1-6-1124;

(c) the amount invested on the stock of Food Grains as it stands on 1-6-1124;

(d) the estimated annual net loss on the food grains purchase and sale by Government?

HONBLE MR. A. J. JOHN: (a) I. Rs. 5,42,72,500.

(b) I. Rs. 478.25 lakhs on the deposit of securities to the value of Rs. 5,05,72,500.

(c) I. Rs. 45,00,000 approximately.

(d) About I. Rs. 3,36,00,000 per annum if no subsidy is granted.

Branch lines by the Transport Department.

* 432. MR. R. CHELLASWAMI NADAR: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any scheme to take over the branch lines by the Transport Department; and

(b) when will the Thengapattanam-Kuzhithura line be taken up?

HON'BLE MR. K. R. ELANKATH: (a) Yes.

(b) No time limit can be fixed now.

Perunchani Scheme.

* 433. MR. R. CHELLASWAMI NADAR: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state -

(a) the approximate period within which the Government expect to complete the Perunchani scheme.

(b) the nature of work now going on; and

(c) the expenditure till now incurred?

HON'BLE MR. K. R. ELANKATH: (a) The work is expected to be completed before the end of 1951 A. D.

b) Excavation of foundations for the dam, at the approved site on both flanks, drilling of boreholes for investigation as well as for grouting excavation for spill way and erection of Cofferdam across the river are going on at present.

(c) Expenditure up to end of 3/24 is Rs. 34,34,876.

District Hospital, Alleppey.

* 431 MR. P. S. MOHAMMED: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Hospitals be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for enlarging the accommodation in the District Hospital, Alleppey was taken by Government into consideration;

(b) if so, whether any plan for erecting additional building was prepared;

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative whether any estimate for additional buildings was prepared; and

(d) if so, why the work was not started so far?

HON'BLE MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) The proceedings for the acquisition of the lands required for the construction of the building have not been completed yet.

Refrigerator for Hospitals.

* 435. MR. EAPEN ARAKKAL: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Medical be pleased to state:

(a) is there any Hospital that owns a Refrigerator, if so, which is that Hospital;

(b) whether the Government intend to provide every major Hospital with a Refrigerator each for the purpose of stocking Penicillin?

HON'BLE MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: (a) Yes. The General Hospital.

(b) Penicillin need not be stocked in a Refrigerator. However, Government have sanctioned the purchase of a few Refrigerators for some of the important institutions.

സഹകരണസംഘം രജിസ്ട്രാറുടെ മേൽ പരാതി.

* 436. MR. K. A. MATHEW (Thiruvalla IV—General): താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട സഹകരണവകുപ്പുമന്ത്രി സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ?

(എ) സഹകരണവകുപ്പു രജിസ്ട്രാറുടെപ്പറ്റി പരാതികൾ ഗവണ്മെന്റിൽ കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അവയെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?